

2007 Land and Water Conservation Fund

Congress approved an apportionment of \$370,704.00 through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund to the State of Iowa for the 2007 grant season. One half of Iowa's apportionment, \$185,352.00 plus \$130,939.45 (from FY05 and FY06) or a total of \$316,291.46 is available to cities and counties for outdoor recreation acquisition and development projects.

A total of 22 applications were received by the March 15, 2007 deadline. Grant requests for the 22 applications totaled \$1,154,717.00 for a variety of activities including general park improvements, pool renovations, campground developments, playgrounds, trail projects, and land acquisitions. (Some applications included aspects that fit into more than one of the previous listed areas).

A five member committee reviewed the 22 applications and scored/ranked them based on the following criteria:

- Relationship to SCORP Priorities (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan)
- Direct Recreation Benefits Provided
- Local Need
- Quality of the Site

Additional bonus points and penalty points are also included in the scoring system. They are based on such things as level of prior assistance from the LWCF; special features for the elderly and handicapped; minority populations served; degree of public participation and support, recycled content material use; and level of planning that has preceded the application for a LWCF grant.

The top seven projects on the list were approved for full funding and the 8th project for partial funding by the Natural Resource Commission on May 10, 2007.

Rank	Applicant -2007	Project	Request	Total Cost	Score (Avg)	Grant Award
1	Adams County Conservation Board	Cabins and Campground Improvements at Lake Icaria	\$75,000.00	\$505,440.00	74.2	\$75,000.00
2	Battle Creek	Battle Creek Alumni Park	\$25,000.00	\$53,000.00	74	\$25,000.00
3	Elma	Elma Park Improvements	\$45,200.00	\$90,400.00	73	\$45,200.00
4	New Virginia	Gerry Allen Memorial Park	\$50,000.00	\$182,964.00	71.6	\$50,000.00
5	Clay County Conservation Board	Scharnberg Park Restroom & Bath House Refurbishment and Playground Addition	\$22,500.00	\$45,000.00	71	\$22,500.00
6	Melbourne	Melbourne Swimming Pool	\$50,000.00	\$594,672.00	70.8	\$50,000.00
7	Allison	Wilder Park Campground Improvements	\$31,437.00	\$31,437.00	68.4	\$31,437.00
8	Des Moines County Conservation Board	Starr's Cave Trail Stabilization, Resurfacing and Route Re-alignment	\$51,500.00	\$103,000.00	67.5	\$17,154.46
9	Linn County Conservation Board	Crows Creek Trail	\$67,760.00	\$135,520.00	66.2	
10	Tipton	Tipton Municipal Tennis Courts Improvement Project	\$28,000.00	\$72,039.00	66	
11	Britt	Britt Municipal Aquatic Center	\$75,000.00	\$2,200,000.00	65.8	
12	Mitchell County Conservation Board	Cedar Bridge Park & Campground	\$60,000.00	\$120,000.00	65.6	
13	Linn County Conservation Board	Squaw Creek Park A - Loop Campground Expansion	\$190,000.00	\$450,000.00	64.8	
14	Manly	Manly Family Aquatic Center.	\$75,000.00	\$1,403,300.00	64.8	
15	Corning	New Corning Aquatic Center	\$75,000.00	\$2,110,000.00	63.2	
16	Shelby County Conservation Board	Nishna Bend Recreation Area	\$20,320.00	\$40,640.00	63	
17	Titonka	Swimming Pool/Bathhouse	\$50,000.00	\$147,000.00	62	
18	Prairie City	Recreational Complex project	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	62	
19	Chickasaw County Conservation Board	Airport Lake Park Campground Renovation	\$40,000.00	\$80,000.00	59.8	
20	Clear Lake	Clear Lake Aquatic Center Project, Phase Two	\$13,000.00	\$26,000.00	59.2	
21	Rock Rapids	New playground equipment	\$20,000.00	\$62,900.00	47.2	
22	Farnhamville	Playground equipment at city park	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	41.8	